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VIA THE FOUR-CENT ROUTE

WRITERS IN ON NEGOTIATION?

Do General Managers and ballplayers really talk about incidental statistics when they get together for contract negotiations ("Drysdale's Chat With Bavasi," Feb. 2) or are you just a vivid dreamer with no fact behind your story? —Sid Gans, Torrance Gardens.

The Column was inspired after talks with an ex-player.

Whadda you mean when you say that Drysdale thinks he might get "the shaft" if he doesn't agree with Bavasi's terms? —K. B. Hansen, Redondo Beach.

If you don't know what "shaft" means, I'm sure Don and Webster do.

PODRES, MARRIAGE AND SORE BACK

Is Johnny Podres the only bachelor on the regular roster of the Dodgers? (Podres Should Win Twenty, Feb. 5) —Mrs. Joe Dixon, Southwood.

No. Sandy Koufax is another who has managed to escape the collar; he even has a ready made home he bought to entice his parents to come west.

How can you predict that Podres will win twenty with his sore back?—Carmen Mondl, Southwood.

The nights will be hot at the Coliseum this year.

VIN SCULLY THE BEST

You're right—Bob Kelley is a big mouth and shouldn't be permitted to broadcast the Angels' games this year, but you sure goofed; Gowdy isn't his partner—Paul DePuy, Los Angeles.

Gowdy probably panicked when he heard a tape of Kelley's voice... Don Wells should do as good as, or even better, than Gowdy.

When the Dodgers came to town I got so mad at him, my husband, and the way he used to sit and listen to the Dodger games on radio, that I almost busted the instrument one day while he was at work. He made me listen one night and, so help me, I became a baseball fan—that Vince is the greatest and you're so right—I'm one of the women who brings a transistor to the ballpark—Mrs. C. Ceraso, Hollywood Riviera.

STEVE BILKO AND \$20,000

I read elsewhere that Bilko is getting \$12,000 to play with the Angels this year. You say \$20,000. Who is right? (Bilko Signs, Feb. 12)—Milt Swenson, Redondo Beach.

The other is correct but Steve is reported to have a clause in his contract that calls for the additional cash in the event he belts more than a few in Wrigley Field.

Some time ago you wrote that Bilko was a booze hound. Is that still the case today?—S. Allyson, Seaside Heights.

You don't read properly, sir. I said Steve liked his beer—so do many other ballplayers. How about you?

Bob Weister Hits Record 66 Points

Forward Bob Weister, star of the Torrance High School varsity basketball squad, hit a new CIF Southern scoring record against Lawndale Friday night by sinking 66 points.



BOB WEISTER

The previous record was 62 points scored by John Rudemetkin in 1957. Rudemetkin, current Trojan star, set the old record while playing for Santa Maria High School.

The 103 points (against Lawndale's 48) set a new school record. The old high mark was hit almost 20 years ago against Bell in the old Marine League.

CARELESS SHOOTING CAUSES CAGE LOSS

Careless shooting on the part of the Padres cost them the game in an overtime cage clash with St. John Vianney and dropped their Camino Real League junior varsity rating to 4.4 at Admiral Leigh Gymnasium this weekend.

The Padres rallied to tie up the Nobles in the final period but sharp aggressive play on the part of Jennings, Wright and Broom left Lasuen on the short end of the 31-35 score in the three minute post-game clincher.

"Our shooting was bad and we lost," said Coach Robert Hill flatly. "Drill in this department will be stepped up and the Padres should be closer to the target when we meet Bishop Alemany here on Tuesday, Feb. 13."

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EC Hits Seven Wins on Mats

El Camino College matmen will play host to the Palomar grapplers in the local Women's gymnasium this Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Heading the El Camino contingent will be Jim Wat-anabe, Bob Becker, Davi Friorelli and Frank Dolce, each of whom have had at least four falls in leading the Warriors to their current seven-meet winning streak.

BIG LEAGUE RACERS AT ASCOT STADIUM

Parnelli Jones, heavy-footed 25-year old Torrance race driver, leads a pack of Southern Californians against the best from the East and Midwest in the 100-lap USAC national championship late model stock car race Sunday at Ascot Stadium, Gardena.

Jones, who'll wheel a 1960 Ford, is rated the outstanding newcomer to big time racing in the country. Veteran Indianapolis driver Roger Ward ranks him as the No. 1 rookie and a big threat to win the Indy 500-miler in his first start next May.

"Without a doubt Parnelli is the finest rookie in racing today. He is smart with plenty of racing savvy and he thinks out a situation. What is more he keeps in shape physically, so important to our business," lauded Ward.

That's praise indeed coming from the 1959 Indianapolis champion and a driver who has won championships in every division including stock cars.

Ward will drive a 1960 Ford in Sunday's race, first national championship stock car chase in the Southland in two years.

Other leaders for Sunday include Norm Nelson, Racine, Wis., 1960 USAC national champion and winner of the 250-miler at Milwaukee last September, and Paul Goldsmith, St. Clair Shores, Mich., winner of the 100-mile Jimmy Bryan Memorial stock car race at Phoenix Feb. 5, runner-up for the 1960 title and third-place finisher in the Indianapolis race last May. 30.

Like Ward and veteran Tony Bettenhausen, who also competes at Ascot, the 33-year old Goldsmith has a keen knack of converting from the Indy high powered cars to the stock autos driven by John G. Public.

Goldsmith will be at the wheel of a 1960 Pontiac Sunday.

In addition to Jones, the Southland brigade at Ascot includes such favorites as Dempsey Wilson, Lawndale; Danny Letner, Paramount; Lloyd Dane, Buena Park; Gene Long and Jock Norton, Lakewood; Jim Cook and Jim Blomgren, Norwalk; Bob Perry, Hawthorne; and Ron Hornaday, San Fernando.

J. C. Agajanian has posted prize money of \$4000 against 40% of the gate with the winner in line for approximately \$1400 including accessory money.

LET'S GO

BOWLING

With Darlene Cope

Gable House had many trophy winners last week with juniors and adults rolling 200 games and over and juniors and ladies converting the various splits.

TROPHY AWARDS

In the ladies section, there were six scoring 200 and over. They are as follows: Mary E. Yurkanin (Veritron), 207; Peggy Tatkiwicz, 206; Sandra Arrant, 205; Odie Meitner (Gable Owls), 207; Ruth Brown, 200; and Marilyn Curay (McLaughlin Construction Co.), 211.

In the men's set Carl Scott shot a smashing 254 while Eddie Sievert scored even higher with a 259. Fred Peak (Norair Engineering scratch league) received man's hand shakes for scoring a 252 game.

In the junior division, Tim Fraser hit a 202; Donn Murphy, 210; John Chitton, 202; Steve Wirtz, 241; Larry Fullmoto (South High), 220; Dennis Martin, 215; Tom Cole, 214; Lou Valentini, 218; Dave Rosen, 221; Ken Anderson, 204; Dale Williams, 208; R. Singor, 213; and Jane Labbitt, 202.

Splits were spared by the following: Jim Ruby, 7-10; Joan Nelson (Trinity Lutheran), 4-6-7-10; Pat Jones (Sunsetters), 6-7-10; Greg Adams 6-7-10; and Norma Frazer, 6-7-10.

CASH PRIZES

The Moonlight Bowl was all what it was said to be. Many bowlers spotted their bowling balls in the darkness and aimed at the illuminated pins trying to get a high score.

There were finally three winners Saturday night. Nora Ward won \$25 for shooting a 439 series and Elaine Rutledge also won \$25 for a 439 series. Don Meyer, too, won \$25 for a 552. No one has won the Hidden Number feature recently, so this prize has risen to \$100. Come over this Saturday night and try for it.

GABLE HOUSE NEWS

Good news for Gable House bowlers. This house will be closed for lane resurfacing March 13 and 14. There will be no more high boards or stick approaches. Just watch those averages rise and see how much more fun it will be to bowl at Gable.

Sign up anytime now for the free ladies beginner classes which will commence the second week in April. The junior classes will begin the same time. The mixed and men's classes will start the first week in April. If you don't receive a telephone invitation, call Gable and get your name on the list.

The spare pick-up class will still take place today at 1 o'clock. Come on over and bring a friend. Lessons, shoes, and fun are all free of charge.

A little news on the professional side of bowling. The Homel brothers, Jerry, Bob, and Leonard are the owners of the league franchise of the National Bowling league to start around October 1, 1961. Ground is to be broken for the beautiful stadium some time next month. The Homel's team, one of twelve, will be called the L. A. Toros. There will be eight members signed up for this team, but only four are known locally—Steve Nagy, Fred Riccili, Billy Meyers, and Thurm Gibson. Watch for these great stars and plan to see them in action.

Drag-Racers At Long Beach

Winter Championships at Lions Associated Drag Strip, Long Beach, will be held Feb. 25 (afternoon-evening) and Feb. 26 (day-long), it was announced today.

Opening runs at the 223rd St. blacktop will feature single-engine gas dragsters, vying for \$500 and top eliminator honors. Sunday, for the first time at I.A.D.S., twin-engine rails will compete as a class.

Both dual and single-engine cars will be eligible to go for overall top eliminator spot, with an additional \$500 posted.

Some 35 of the nation's fastest gas dragsters will be in an expected array of nearly 400 vehicles, including the cream of mid-west and eastern talent.

CHILD LEARNS

Most of what a child learns depends on his eyesight. The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness considers a pre-school vision examination a "must" for today's youngster.

OPENING GAMES HELD

The opening round of games in the Stephen M. White Junior High School night basketball league was held this past week. The League is organized for the boys of Stephen M. White Junior High School in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. There are three leagues with eight teams at each grade level.

Coaches who are responsible for the League are Thomas Jones and Anthony Sokolic assisted by Mike Mullins.

SUBDIVISION APPROVED

Subdivision of five acres at Lomita Blvd. and Normandie was approved by the County Regional Planning Commission this week. Property will be subdivided into six industrial lots. Commission also approved the subdivision of 41 single family lots at 208th and Vermont, from an eight acre plot. Subdivider will be R. A. Watt of Gardena.

\$1,000 MILES

Officers of the California Highway Patrol enforce traffic laws on more than 81,000 miles of rural roads and highways in the state.

Padres Win First Meet

Fermin Lasuen's first swim team made local aquatic history this weekend when the junior varsity downed Redondo High School's varsity 41-30 and the Cees ousted the Redondo Bees 42-35.

"I am extremely well pleased with the progress our boys have made in just four short weeks of practice," said Padre coach Frank Gompert. "O'Mahoney's 1:04.2 in the 100 yard free style was outstanding for a neophyte competitor."

Lasuen junior varsity is slated to meet Aviation High School varsity on Feb. 17 in Manhattan Beach.

Compacts Star In Mobil Run

Thirty-five new American compact cars will join their big brothers in the Silver Anniversary running of the Mobilgas Economy Run, March 11-16.

When the mileage test takes off from Los Angeles to Chicago, every compact will be represented, and half the total field of at least 68 entrants will be compact models.

Therefore, the United States Auto Club, which governs the event, has established three classes to allow the new crop of compacts to compete on even terms.

The new Class A division will be made up of compacts with manual transmissions. This is the first time since 1954 that "stick shifts" have competed in the Run. Again, U.S.A.C. officials state that 40% of the compacts sold are equipped with this type transmission, so their mileage capabilities should be demonstrated.

U.S.A.C. officials declare that special attention should be paid to the compacts, because more than 30% of Detroit's production is now devoted to the smaller models. They forecast a two mile-per-gallon increase for the overall average of this year's compact field over last year's total compact average of 22.49 m.p.g.

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Del Amo Field Is Signup Site

Tryouts of boys, 13, 14 and 15 years old for the Torrance Babe Ruth League will be held at Del Amo Field, Western and Plaza Del Amo, Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 to noon.

Tryouts will be held at the same location on three consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 18 and 25 and March 4.

Babe Ruth League regional playoffs for 1961 will be held in Honolulu, it was announced recently.

In 1959 the Torrance Babe Ruth League took the Southern California championship. In 1960 the team was named the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation champions.

RACE HONORS BEACH

Redondo Beach will be honored at Santa Anita Park on Tuesday, February 21 it was announced today by Chamber of Commerce President, Ken Boyd.

Boyd said special group Club House admission tickets at \$2.65 are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 101 W. Diamond. Phone orders will be accepted at FR 6-0446, the Chamber leader added.

A special "Redondo Beach Race" will be held and the winner honored by Redondo Beach Mayor LeRoy Center who will lead the local delegation.

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Paul Jones Drives at Gardena

Jack Austin, Downey, and Audie Madron, Compton take on the roles of favorites for this Sunday afternoon's CJA Hot Rod main event at Gardena's Western Speedway.

Austin swept to victory in the feature three weeks ago, then last week Madron took top honors, as Austin was only able to finish third. This week both drivers will be trying for a repeat in the 30 lap feature.

The win for Madron was the Compton drivers first in over a year, but last Sunday he came to the front on the start and was never challenged after the opening laps.

Other top drivers who will compete include: Ron Garriott, Gardena; Paul Jones, Torrance; Art Atkinson, Pasadena; John Turner, Santa

Ana; Ed Van Eyk, Bellflower; Jim Rossler, San Bernardino; Wayne Page, Colton; Mike Chapman, West Covina; Jay East, Riverside; Dallas Harrison, Redondo Beach; Chuck Townsend, Gardena; Donnie Harrison, Gardena; Orville Allen, Monrovia; and "Irish" Jack Kelly, Long Beach.

Over fifty top cars will see action in the ten event program which gets under way at 2:30 p.m. with the first race, which is preceded by time trials at 1 p.m.

CJA officials continue their \$1 admission for all adults, with kids under eight Free, and 8-12, 50c. Western Speedway is located at 139th and Western in Gardena, just a mile west of the Harbor Freeway at either the El Segundo or Rosecrans off ramps.

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